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CIA Probe Extension Sought

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The chairman of the Senate's CIA investigating committee asked colleagues yesterday for six additional months to complete its work.

Sen. Frank Church (D-Idaho) cited "serious and troubling" delays in obtaining information from the administration as the main reason for the request.

Church, chairman of the Senate intelligence committee, said the administration's response to requests for documents "has been slow, and procedural delays have hampered the committee's progress."

Church, supported by the panel's co-chairman, Sen. John G. Tower (R-Tex.) and the rest of the committee, introduced a resolution that would extend the committee's life from Sept. 2 to next Feb. 25. He also asked for an additional $500,000, bringing its total budget to $1,250,000.

Church has complained directly to Attorney General Edward H. Levi and FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley that he is still awaiting information on alleged FBI wrongdoing requested two months ago.

The senate panel has been concentrating mainly on alleged plots to kill foreign leaders. Church said he hopes to complete this phase within the next few weeks—even if it means continuing into the regular August congressional recess—and make a preliminary report.

The panel would then move to other fields of CIA activity and into other intelligence branches.